

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: GRISWOLD, Chauncey W. et al.

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Title: GAMING APPARATUS HAVING A CONFIGURABLE CONTROL PANEL

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**Affidavit or declaration of prior invention
of Chauncey Griswold
under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

CHAUNCEY GRISWOLD declares:

1. I am one of the inventors of U.S. Patent application No. 10/662,755 entitled "Gaming Apparatus Having a Configurable Control Panel" filed on September 15, 2003. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this declaration and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently to these facts under oath.

2. I maintain laboratory notebooks to document work on products I develop as an engineer at International Game Technology ("IGT").

3. I helped develop a gaming machine with a touch screen for player input. U.S. Patent Application No. 10/662,755 describes aspects of the gaming machine.

4. I conceived of the gaming machine described in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/662,755 at least as early as November 15, 1999. Attached as Exhibit A are two entries from a notebook I used beginning in May 1997. The first entry is dated November 29, 1999. It shows an LCD touch screen for use in a gaming machine. Option # 1 shows an LCD touch screen for use as a display and an LCD touch screen for use as an input device with tactile switches placed above the

1 touch screen surface, while option #2 shows a switch or button portion without tactile switches
2 placed above a touch screen surface. The second entry is dated November 18, 1999. It shows a
3 touch screen LCD with thru-touch switches over an LCD touch screen.

4 5. I diligently worked on the design of the gaming machine and had a prototype of a
5 keypad/tactile switches to be placed over the touch screen made by a vendor Miller Dial at least as
6 early as December 20, 2001. An invoice dated December 20, 2001 is attached as Exhibit B. A
7 drawing dated February 8, 2002 made by Miller dial of the keypad for use over a touch screen is
8 attached as Exhibit C.

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11 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the
12 foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed in Reno, Nevada on
13 8 - 11, 2008.

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